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Mushrooms growing near the Billingsly Student Center appear larger than life in this wide-angle view.

Growth spurt may be over

Enrollment sees decline of one

By ANGIE STEVENSON

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After a seven-year climb to record enrollment, the number of students at Missouri Southern has leveled off.

According to official figures, the fall enrollment is down by one student from last year, with 6,011 enrolled in courses for credit.

An additional 255 students are taking non-credit courses for a total enrollment of 6,266.

College President Julio Leon is not bothered by the lack of growth.

"I think we've just reached the point where this may be the limit—least for a while," he said. "There is no question that we are strained because of the rapid growth we have experienced over the past several years."

Southern's growing pains, he said,

now may have the opportunity to be somewhat relieved.

We take this as a positive development in this regard because it gives us just a little bit of breathing room," Leon said. "In the past two or three years we have had to allocate additional resources to meet the needs of the growing student body, but this year it should remain about the same."

The lull is not exclusive to Southern, but is a nationwide phenomenon. According to Leon, recent demographic studies have forecast decreased college enrollment, as fewer students are graduating from high school.

"From a philosophical standpoint, one is always glad to see enrollment increase as a sign of progress," he said. "But according to the demographics, I suppose we shouldn't expect to be increasing."

Future prognosis appears to be more of the same. Leon said the College might take this opportunity to begin whittling down its enrollment even further.

"I think we're going to start some discussion on campus very soon about the College becoming smaller by design," he said. "We just don't have the adequate funding to keep up with 6,000 students. The state has not kept up with our growth."

"I believe we are running a campus of 6,000 on a budget that is appropriate for 4,500, and there are no good prospects that the state will provide additional funding."

Even if Proposition B, the education tax package, is successful, the increased funding would be problematic, Leon said. These factors may push the College to attempt to hold its enrollment down, leaving it "smaller but also better."

In doing so, possible options include raising admission standards.

College juggles options to solve funding dilemma

Reserve funds could provide up to \$200,000

By T.R. HANRAHAN

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

When Missouri Southern President Julio Leon goes to the Board of Regents tomorrow, he will deliver some "options" that could affect students and College finances.

Among these is a possible surcharge for the spring semester.

Student Senate President Bryan Vowels, for one, said a surcharge should be a last resort.

"I've been looking at it and talking to others," he said. "I think it is a last choice. A surcharge is the last resort."

That scenario is unlikely, however. Yesterday, Leon told *The Chart* he would recommend to the Regents various options to meet the current funding woes, but stressed that a sur-

charge is not his first choice.

"The College has raised tuition rather substantially in the last two years," Leon said. "We are in a recession now, and to add to that further might have a heavy impact on the students. We would, of course, like to avoid that."

Some students do not see a \$1 or \$2 per credit hour surcharge as a major handicap.

"It won't have a big impact on me," Josh Compton, junior business major, said. "It shouldn't be that big of a deal. Missouri Southern is relatively inexpensive."

Other options Leon will present to the Board are cuts to the spring and summer class schedules, reducing expenditures, and the use of the carry-over balance from the previous year.

"We are going to present many different options which are available," he said. "The idea is to find such a combination that will not increase fees and would lessen the impact on the library."

Last week, Charles Kemp, head librarian, said Spiva Library could lose 40 percent of its book and peri-

odical budget.

One of the options, the carry-over balance, could be tapped for up to \$200,000, Leon said.

"This has always been an option," he said. "As we looked at the figures and saw the impact on the students and the library, it came under more consideration."

Leon said the fund is an emergency reserve carried over at the end of each year. He said the fund balance ideally should equal one month's worth of College salary expenses.

"This exists for a couple of reasons," he said. "First, for emergencies which may arise, and second, to ease the cash flow problems any large business encounters."

Although Leon said the fund has been less than the one-month figure due to the financial problems the College has faced, the need is great enough to justify its use.

"If you do it on a regular basis, certainly you will be on dangerous ground," Leon said. "We could still draw on some of it without getting to that point."

Arena still in design dimension

By CHAD HAYWORTH

ASSISTANT EDITOR

Construction of a multi-purpose building at Missouri Southern is at least two to three years away, according to College President Julio Leon.

"Right now, it is in the developmental stage," Leon said. "An overall steering committee has been formed to investigate the possibility of having a multi-purpose building on our campus."

Leon said the \$20 million facility would seat between 8,000 and 9,000 people. The building would be available for sporting events as well as commencement and other campus activities.

Jim Frazier, men's athletic director, said such a facility would benefit his department by providing a place for team practices and a marquee for indoor athletics.

"We have 281 student-athletes in 14 sports, and during the month of February all of them are trying to find practice space," he said. "Beyond that, it would add an air of sophistication to our program."

"I think it would help Coach [Scott] Ballard and Coach [Robert] Corn with their recruiting. But it's not an issue with them."

However, Leon said the building also could host concerts and events which would interest more than just Southern students.

"The way this is being approached is as a regional need, not just as a College need," he said.

Leon said the committee still was working on a building design.

"As soon as there is a schematic design, the finance committee will begin working on the funding aspect," he said. "Obviously, the finance committee will want to look at all avenues, private sources, state funds, and monies Southern makes available."

Neither Leon nor Frazier foresaw the facility as a revenue source.

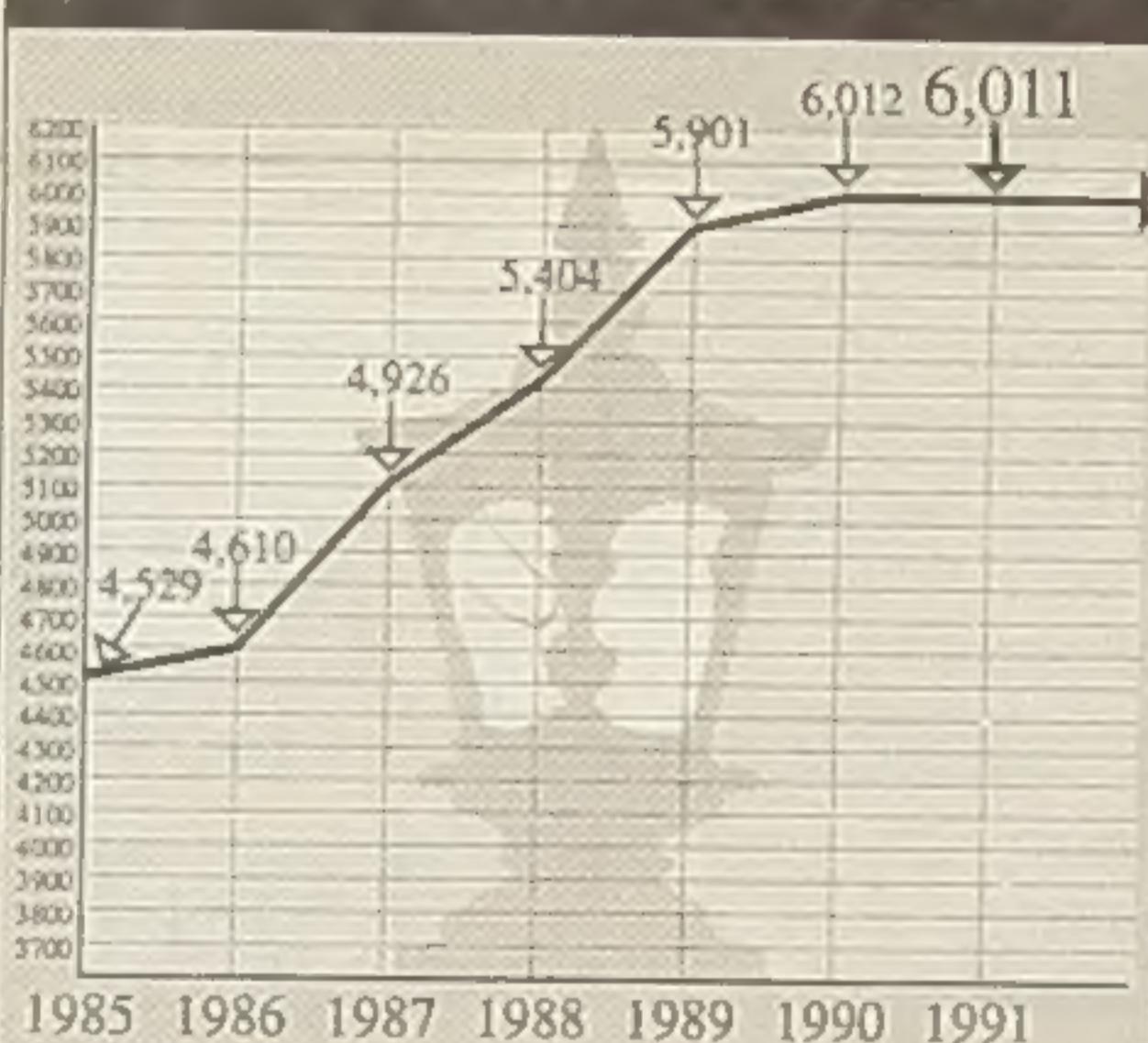
"We are in the business of education, the business of providing opportunities," Frazier said. "We are not in the business of making money."

Leon said he hoped the building would be self sufficient.

"I think these facilities, if well managed, are successful enough to maintain themselves," he said. "I just do not see it as a source of revenue for the College."

"Even if Proposition B is successful, it is to address fundamental educational needs. To me, maintenance of a multi-purpose arena does not fall under that."

FALL ENROLLMENT



JON NOIRALISSE/The Chart

Campus crime showing slight increase this fall

By JOHN HACKER

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Since the beginning of the school year, several people on Missouri Southern's campus have been the victim of thieves.

According to Bill Boyer, chief of campus security, it's not unusual to have more thefts and other crimes at

the beginning of the academic year.

"Generally speaking, we have a rash of thefts at the beginning of school," he said. "There's no explanation for it. It's kind of like a party that finally settles down."

According to Boyer, the problem is not much worse this year than it has been in the past.

"As I recall, it's running pretty

much the same," he said. "It might be an incident or two higher, but the only reason I say that is because crime in America generally is going up every year."

Among the incidents reported to Southern security is the Sept. 9 theft of \$200 from a student's vehicle near Hearnes Hall. According to a security report, the student left his car unlocked and the money in the glove compartment.

Money, however, is not the only thing taken from cars on campus.

Car stereos seem to be one of the most popular items taken," Boyer said. "We're not sure if they're for personal use or being easily fenced, but we had an incident last year where a stereo was taken from a car

and we found it in another student's car. The victim was able to identify it."

Many of these thefts could be avoided, Boyer said, if students took some simple precautions.

"The main thing for items in the

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5 committees working to secure bill's passage

By T.R. HANRAHAN

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series of stories on Proposition B, coming up in the Nov. 5 election. Last week's story looks at efforts at colleges around Missouri in support of the education reform measure.

Campus committees formed in attempts to rally students and faculty to the Proposition B cause are right on target, according to chairpersons.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president and campus coordinator for Proposition B, said five committees are now functioning in efforts to inform the College population about the \$385 million education package. Proposition B is scheduled to go before Missouri voters Nov. 5.

Each of the five committees is headed by faculty and staff members. Chairpersons are Dr. Glenn Dolence, student registration; Don Hunt, public information; Karen Turner, volunteer recruitment; and Tom Simpson, frequent

According to Tiede, the committees' efforts are on schedule and proceeding smoothly.

"We try to meet on a weekly basis," he said. "Already this week, we have seen some tremendous movement. Dr. Dolence's committee has already scheduled sessions for area county clerks' offices to register students here on campus."

According to Tiede and Dolence, Jasper County officials will be at Southern Sept. 25-26 to register students.

"Our goal is to get 75 percent registered," Dolence said. "I think that is a realistic goal if we play it right."

Dolence said a random survey conducted earlier this year by Bryan

OUT FOR FOUR WEEKS



CHRIS COX/The Chart

Senior soccer player Kevin Hooks grimaces after tearing ligaments in his right ankle in Tuesday's match against Kansas Newman College. Hooks will be sidelined for four weeks. See related story, page 9.

Senate gets Leon briefing

By CHAD HAYWORTH

ASSISTANT EDITOR

Enrollment caps and higher admission standards could become a reality here, College President Julio Leon told the Faculty Senate on Monday.

"I truly believe it is time for us to think about becoming smaller," he said. "We just do not have the finances to afford 8,000 students."

"We are, in essence, operating a campus with a budget that would be more appropriate for a campus of 4,500."

Leon said one solution would be to modify admission requirements to include a core curriculum at the high school level, as well as a higher ACT standard.

"I think the time has come for us to become a more demanding institution," he said, "especially of incoming students."

Currently, Missouri Southern requires incoming students to rank in the top two-thirds of their graduating class and score at least 17 on the ACT.

Leon said national studies show nearly one-third of high school graduates do not go to college, making Southern nearly an open-admissions institution.

In other business, Leon updated the Senate on Proposition B's chances of success.

"The outlook is not good," he said. "The economy is not coming out of the recession, and people are not so willing to vote for a tax increase."

"Hopefully, by Nov. 5 the economy will be better and people will start to feel better about Prop B."

Leon said if the measure fails, it might be 1994 or 1995 before it could be brought up again.

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Debra Triplett, junior education major, brought out her umbrella yesterday as it drizzled off and on. Temperatures plunged to 45 degrees early this morning, signaling the arrival of a new season.

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Southern does not release some directory information

International students' places of birth are confidential

By KAYLEA HUTSON

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

While most state colleges and universities make information on international students available, Missouri Southern does not.

Many colleges act as an intermediary between international students and those requesting information about them.

Jan Swann, coordinator of international student services at Southwest Missouri State University, said SMSU works with the press by arranging interviews with international students.

and see if they want to talk to the reporters," said Steve Potter, counselor and international student adviser at Missouri Western. "If they do, I will either call the person back, or give the student the number so they can call the reporter back."

Central Missouri State University has a formal speakers bureau of international students. According to Dr. Joy Stevenson, international student adviser at CMSU, if there is not a student available from a specific foreign country in the existing bureau, she contacts another student not listed as a regular speaker to see if he or she would be interested in speaking to either the group or the

Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs at Southern, said he was unaware of any law which would prohibit release of that information.

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—Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs

"When reporters want to interview specific students from specific countries, they don't know the name," Swann said. "Directory information doesn't come into play since they don't know a name to tell you to look up."

"I know which ones are from which countries, and so I get the request and have some of my student staff call those students and say 'Would you like to be interviewed?' If so, they give them the reporter's name and phone number and call them back."

Other campuses also work with the media in order to release information about international students.

"I usually ask them (the students)

reporter.

While these colleges do release information classified as directory information under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act about their international students, Southern does not release this information to the media because of the "immigration law," according to Ann Allman, international student adviser.

However, SMSU's Swann does not know of any laws which would limit access to an international student's place of birth.

"I am not aware of any, they (immigration) are not really concerned with that," Swann said. "We treat international students like we treat everybody else."

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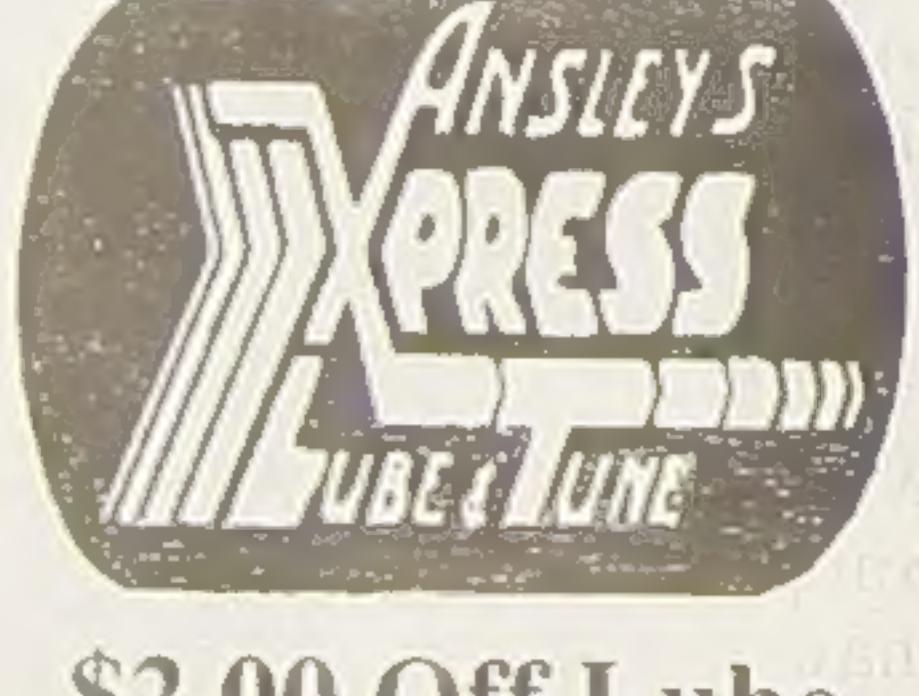
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Senate moves up elections

442 students vote

by KAYLEA HUTSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Yesterday's Student Senate general elections experienced a low turnout, with only 442 votes cast.

Election ballots had not been mailed at press time.

The turnout was not surprising to Doug Carnahan, Senate adviser.

"The election went about the same as it always goes," Carnahan said. "We never have a good turnout for Student Senate elections."

Bryan Vowels, Senate president, did not find the response disappointing under the circumstances.

"I think it went pretty well. We were going to hold it outside in the center circle, but the weather put us in the stairwell of the Billingsly Student Center," Vowels said. "And we only had one day of voting instead

of the regular two."

Originally, Senate elections were scheduled to be held Sept. 25-26. They were pushed forward one week after Chris Phillips, student affairs secretary, discovered what Carnahan calls "an oversight" while typing a revised version of the Senate constitution.

The Senate constitution decrees that general elections of senators be held on the third Wednesday of September.

"As [] blame somebody, I don't know who to blame—whether myself, or Bryan, or the secretary," Carnahan said. "I'm not out to blame anyone."

Vowels said the mixup in dates was "just one of those things overlooked." He does not think this will affect the regular business of the Senate. In fact, he said, it will move all meetings up one week.

The Senate's first business meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 2. Newly elected senators will meet

Sept. 25 for an orientation picnic. "We can conduct business at the picnic depending on how important it is," Vowels said.

As of now, he said the Senate does not have any pressing business waiting for its first meeting. Although some campus organizations have picked up appropriation forms, they have yet to return them.

At its first meeting, the Senate also will ratify the constitution of a new campus organization, Rotaract, a youth division of the Rotary International club.

While the group's first business meeting will not take place until the seventh week of the semester, Carnahan said this should have little effect on campus organizations. Most allocations of funds, he said, occur during the spring semester.

Even so, Carnahan believes the Senate will consider moving the general elections up to the third week of classes.

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Vowels, Student Senate president, indicated that 50 percent of the College's 6,011 students already are registered to vote.

"If the numbers are correct, that's good," he said. "Now we need to get 3 to 30 percent more on the [voter registration] rolls and hope they exercise their constitutional right to vote."

Vowels thinks the goal is realistic.

"Part of those 50 percent not registered have not had a chance," Vowels said. "If the people are here on campus to register the students, and the lines are short, and the process easy, there should be a good turnout."

Dolence's committee will attempt to schedule the registration in as many areas of the campus as possible in order to make it convenient for the students.

Targeting those who are both registered to vote and likely to support Proposition B is the responsibility of all the committees, but the process begins with the frequent voter list committee, according to Tiebe.

"Tom Simpson's group identifies those voters in the area who have voted regularly in the past," he said. "With that information we can better concentrate our efforts."

Frequent voters are considered as those who have voted in two of the last three general or special elections. Simpson said his committee's work

is mundane but useful.

The county clerk's offices keep records of every one who has voted, and we compare the list of eligibles (voters) with the actual lists voters sign when they go to the polls," he said. "It's pretty tedious work, but we can determine who is most likely to be at the polls and target our mailings and phone calls.

"People appreciate personal contact about an issue. That could make a difference in the outcome."

Once Simpson compiles his information, the rest is up to the other committees.

"Basically, we just exist for data collection," he said. "We collect the information and then turn it over to Dr. Tiebe for dispersal to the various groups."

One committee which finds this information invaluable is Seneker's on employee information.

"We look over the variety of material furnished to us containing information and determine what is appropriate to send to employees," Seneker said. "We will have a mailing of some sort as it gets closer to election time."

He said the mailings would reach the most people through "passing along."

"When the information reaches the home, perhaps the spouse will see it and so on," he said. "It would give the material wider exposure."

According to Seneker, information

campaigns targeted at College employees will be purely informational in nature and will be limited.

"So long as we don't try to convince them to vote a certain way, we will keep the employees informed about Prop B," he said. "Some campuses have come out with posters picturing faculty saying they support B, but we won't be doing anything like that here."

"We feel that on a college campus it might be better if a decision is based on facts rather than a name."

In addition to mailings, the group will include notes in employees' paycheck envelopes reminding them to register and vote.

While Seneker's committee handles the employee side of information, the public information committee chaired by Hunt will concentrate on the media.

"We will coordinate our efforts with Missourians for Quality Education by issuing press releases to radio, television, and newspapers," Hunt said. "It is then up to them to decide if they want to run it or not."

The volunteers committee, chaired by Turner, serves every committee. Turner's group helps organize voter registration and provide manpower for the others.

"Right now, we're basically working to get everyone registered to vote," Turner said. "We're trying to get both students and organizations involved."

According to Owen, Sentinel Ircs officers for more serious calls.

Jack Spurlin, director of South-

ern's criminal justice program, testified before the commission on the need for increased training for officers in Missouri.

"When Missouri passed the mandatory training bill in 1978-79, we were filled with glee," he said. "But actually, this bill signaled the death knell for training."

"We went from 400 hours of training in our program to 120 hours, and this gave us virtually no time to cover some of the practical applications."

Spurlin further testified that Missouri ranks at the bottom of the police training scale when compared to other states.

"I am embarrassed and ashamed when I go to conferences and hear people talk about how we rank dead last," he said.

Webster told Spurlin the commission recognizes the problem and is working to solve it.

"I think it is a pretty good investment to make in this type of training."

ing," he said. "Neglect in this area is something we cannot afford. Perhaps one result of these hearings will be to re-double our efforts for more training."

According to Webster, the commission hopes to see some tangible results from its efforts.

"The goal is to find out from local law enforcement officials what the problems are and what programs they have to address them," he said. "I've been very impressed so far."

"There has been some good news. For example, Joplin's Sentinel program. That is new to us, but if we can present that as a possibility, it is encouraging."

The commission has scheduled public meetings this fall throughout the state. The Joplin hearing was the 10th in the series, with future meetings slated for Rolla, Lebanon, Kansas City, St. Louis, and Jefferson City. The group previously has convened in Columbia, Sedalia, Maryville, St. Joseph, Poplar Bluff, Cape Girardeau, Hannibal, Kirksville, and Springfield.

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GETTING TO THE ROOT OF IT



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Missouri Attorney General William Webster (right) chaired a meeting of the Governor's Crime Commission Tuesday in Matthews Hall. The panel heard testimony from area law enforcement officials.

Crime Commission meets here
JPD program impresses Webster

By T.R. HANRAHAN

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Crime prevention in southwest Missouri was in the spotlight Tuesday, when the Governor's Crime Commission brought its hearings to Missouri Southern.

The commission, chaired by state Attorney General William Webster, heard testimony from area law enforcement officials regarding programs, concerns, and successes in the area of crime prevention.

Sentinel, a Joplin police department program which utilizes civilian volunteers to handle non-law enforcement calls, received special attention.

"This is the first we have heard about this," Webster told Lt. Dale Owen, testifying for the Joplin police department. "This is very, very impressive."

According to Owen, Sentinel Ircs officers for more serious calls.

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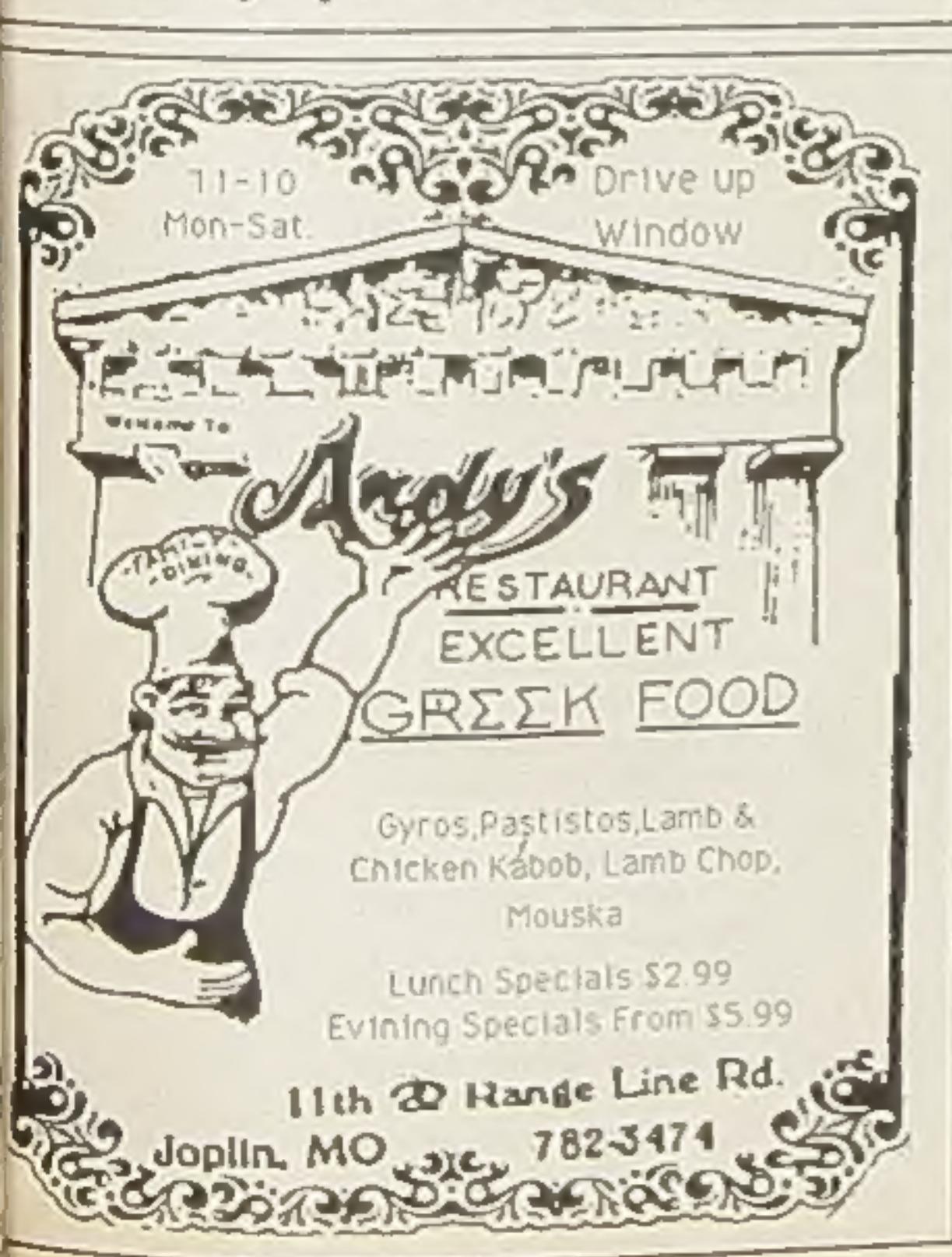
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OUR EDITORIALS

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An idle Senate

One step forward and two steps back. The Student Senate announced last week the re-scheduling of elections to yesterday. The Senate was forced to move the date forward one week because its constitution requires elections on the third Wednesday in September.

Conforming with the letter of the law is admirable, but why had not someone involved with the Senate dusted off the constitution in time to save the trouble and embarrassment of the switch?

The missteps don't end there, either.

The group has slated Wednesday, Oct. 3 as the date for its first official meeting of the year. Should anything pressing come up, it will be handled at the Senate picnic on Sept. 25. We have a few problems with this.

First, the meeting date of Oct. 3 is seven weeks into the fall semester. Hardly a time to get started. Holding the first meeting nearly halfway through the semester forces groups to schedule events requiring Senate funds late in the semester or not at all.

Second, the Sept. 25 picnic is an orientation function for the newly elected senators, lacking the formality, credibility, and student access of regular meetings. The Senate has no business meeting and deciding on the use of students' money without convening an official session.

Vowels should provide the leadership necessary to change the constitution allowing the election of sophomore, junior, and senior senators in the spring. The Senate then could function as a viable body from the beginning of the year.

Help us out

We do need to know. Perhaps some of the administrators in the Hearnes Hall ivory tower are content with secrecy concerning directory information. We are not.

A simple request for a list of students from foreign countries who could be contacted to write columns for our Global Viewpoint page was denied. Last year, a request for the names of a few non-traditional students to feature in the newspaper also was turned down. Why?

As members of the press, we deserve and are entitled to such access.

Ann Allman's refusal to release this information, readily available at other colleges, and Dr. Robert Brown's complicity in this prior restraint give us reason for pause and cause for worry.

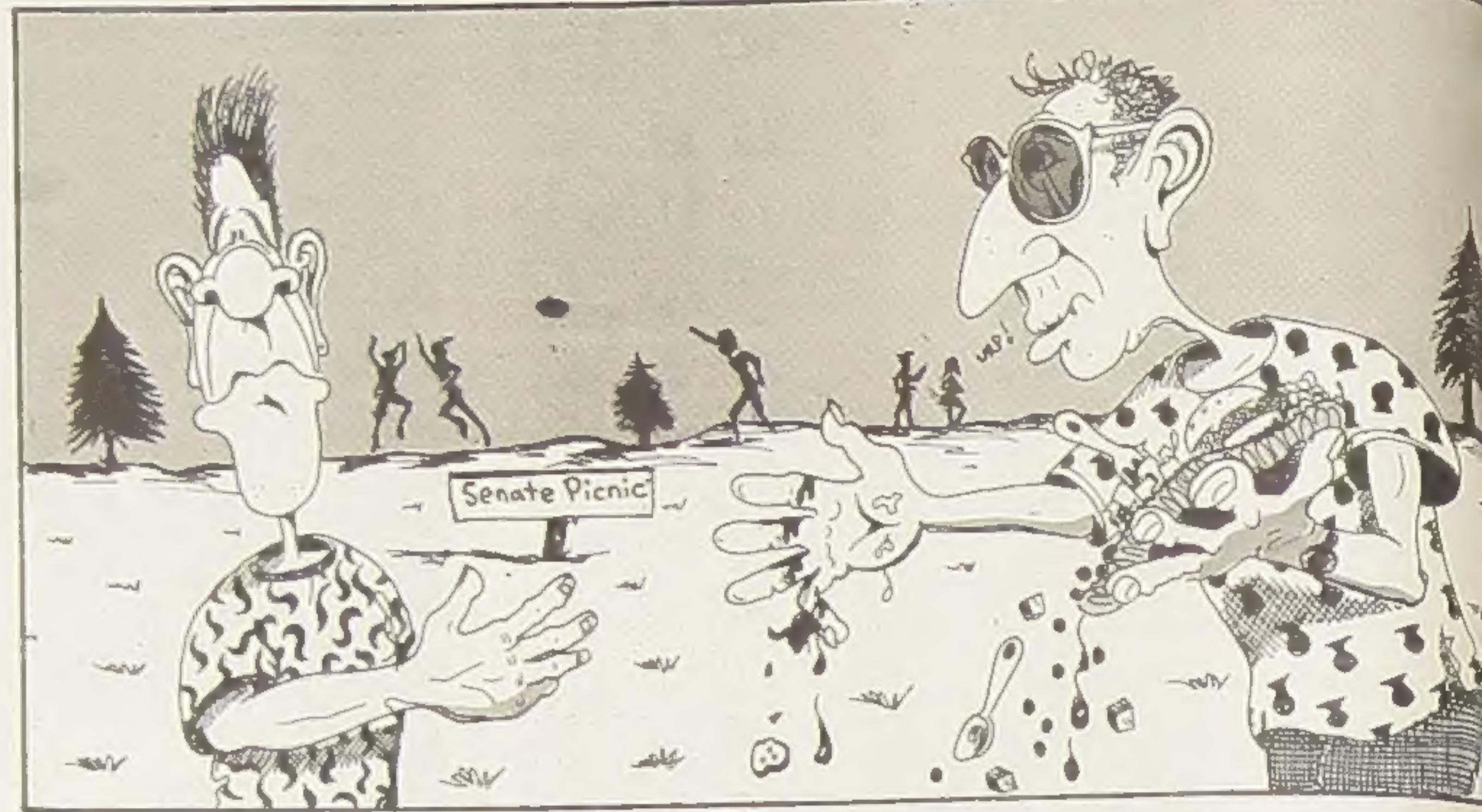
Brown is unaware of the law Allman uses as justification, and she refuses to give specifics. Administration seems to be chasing its tail in this matter.

No campus newspaper can serve its readership if it is hamstrung by an administration unwilling to share certain information. We're not asking for much, just what other colleges already are providing.

Another newspaper also recently experienced Southern's unwillingness to cooperate in a request for the names of Russian students attending the College. It's time to open up, Southern.

YOUR LETTERS

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Life in the Bible Belt a new experience

By JOHN HACKER

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

EDITOR'S COLUMN

A famous TV commercial says "You never get a second chance to make a first impression." As a new transfer student from the Kansas City area who has not spent much time in this part of Missouri, I'm getting my first impressions of Joplin and Missouri Southern.

The very first question I had driving into town on U.S. 71 was, "Where are the Ozarks?" This is supposed to be the gateway to the Ozarks, yet the highway coming into Joplin is fairly flat. Only two hills just outside Webb City were steep enough to slow my 1978 Bobcat, and it doesn't take much of a hill to do that.

My first impressions of Southern have been fairly positive so far. The people here have been really helpful. They see a lost, confused-looking student (me), and they are good about asking if I need help. One faculty member in particular, Dr. Michael Yates, associate professor of political science, spent more than half an hour Friday afternoon showing me how to wade through the sea of law books in Spiva Library.

I have to say, though, that I never have been to a school where some faculty members have bathtubs in the bathrooms in their offices. I don't know if they use them very often, but the communications and social science faculty in the mansion are pretty lucky.

I also like the vast area at the back of the campus. Being an avid Frisbee thrower, I see this big open space and think about setting a new distance record.



But free time being as scarce as it is, I haven't had the chance to get the old disk out yet.

I'm also looking forward to seeing some sporting events this year. I came from a community college that had a mediocre men's baseball team and a pretty good women's volleyball team. It made for some pretty bare sports pages at the campus newspaper.

Here, students can see some of the best small-college sports in the country. Watching the football Lions play teams like Central Missouri State and Pittsburgh State ought to be fun.

I hope to get an opportunity to try out the swimming pool soon, too.

My job as associate editor in charge of The Chart's city news page has put me in contact with numerous government, civic, and business leaders in the community. Joplin is a nice-sized city. It is big enough to have the services of a big metropolis and small enough to feel like a small town.

The fact that Joplin has 123 churches and four religious colleges serving 40,000 people convinces me that this city is in the running for the title of "Golden Buckle of the Bible Belt." The geographic location of that belt is not clearly defined, but it is generally thought to be an area of the South and Midwest. Some people might be offended by that impression, because saying that one lives in the Bible Belt is not always considered complimentary.

I really don't understand that. Sometimes it is inspiring to see an area of the country where religion is still a high priority in people's lives.

Churches dominate the television on Sunday mornings in Joplin. All three of the stations I can pick

up in my dorm room offer some church service between 11 a.m. and noon. And the city between Joplin and Webb City begin their sessions of invocation. In some places that is the source of controversy, but not here.

Living in the Bible Belt is a very confusing experience. It's an area of the country where church is more important to a person's religion than if he or she is a nice person.

Before coming here, I always thought ministers of churches should be readily accessible to those who need assistance. However, I recently had to contact the pastor of a local congregation about a story I was working on. He was away from home, and I found his home phone number listed. Am I the only one who detects a contradiction there?

Whatever negatives I see in Joplin and Southern, the Bible Belt usually are balanced by something good. The opportunity recently to interview a family with very strong religious beliefs. There was little bickering and fighting among the five children in the family that sometimes occurs between siblings. The family had no television or radio in their home, considering the quality of programming on television and the music played on some radio stations. I really don't blame them.

The father in this family attributed the lack of television to their strong commitment to religion. If their life is really as tranquil as it is in the two hours I was with them, there is something to it.

The move to Joplin and Southern has opened up a whole new world for me to explore, and I plan to take advantage of as much of it as time will allow. The next two (or three or four) years are going to be interesting.

We cannot afford to be apathetic now

By KEVIN HOOKS

MEMBER, YOUNG DEMOCRATS

IN PERSPECTIVE

An insert in Sunday's *Joplin Globe* told about Angel Ragins, an extraordinary high school senior. Angel has received more than \$315,000 in scholarship offers to attend over 30 schools. She was president of her student council, she was president of the science club, she was editor of the literary magazine, she worked 30 hours a week at a fast-food restaurant, and she scored 1190 on her SATs. That is an incredible story about an incredible person. But we are not all Angel Ragins. College tuition for us mere mortals is very expensive. Something has to be done to combat rising tuition costs.



We should all be actively concerned about the impending tuition increases. If we do not do something about it now, the number of students who graduate from college will greatly decrease. Furthermore, our ability to compete in today's world will be severely reduced. Although it may seem bleak, there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

The light is shining through in the form of Proposition B. Proposition B is an effort to ease the individual's tuition burden. If passed it will raise \$385 million for the education budget. Of this money, \$190 million will be fairly divided among the state colleges and universities. The bottom line is that if the schools have more money allotted for operation costs the burden of the expenditures will not fall on the shoulders of the student.

Proposition B was designed to help us all. But it

will not succeed without the help of the student generation. We have been called the generation of apathy. But we cannot be apathetic where our employment is concerned. We cannot be apathetic where our futures are concerned. Finally, we cannot be apathetic where Proposition B is concerned. Red, yellow, or white, we all worry about green and blue thereof. Therefore, we must act together, and act now.

There will be a meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26 in Room 306 of the Billingsley Student Center to discuss Proposition B. Jerry Burch, a 12-year member of the state legislature, will be the keynote speaker. If you are not Angel Ragins and were not offered more than \$315,000 in scholarships, you are encouraged to attend.

We are constantly being told that the key to a good education is a good education, but many times the key is a good education. Proposition B is an effort to help us afford that key.

College's serious parking problem has built upon my chest for 2 years

For the past two years, one of the College's problems has built upon my chest, and I can no longer keep my anger back. This college has a serious parking problem.

Students must arrive several hours before their class begins in order to find a parking place. What about students who work and can't get to class until 15 minutes before it begins? Then they end up parking in the gravel lot by the stadium and walking to their class in Matthews Hall or Ummer Technology Building and are late all the time, as they have to park illegally and get an additional charge for parking.

We already pay \$3 to park at Southern; why should we pay for the College's parking problem? If the College cannot accommodate the number of students, they should either not admit so many students, increase parking charges and build a new lot near Ummer Technology Building and Matthews Hall with the funds, or not charge us any fees.

Illegal parking should not be a necessity. The College has a problem, and it needs to solve it.

Another thing that bothers me is the fact that I see students speeding through campus between 40 and 50 miles per hour and never get ticketed.

This is dangerous. I have seen several near-misses on this campus. This is a serious problem, and the campus should spend more time worrying about lives and speeding than about students who have to park illegally. If there were an even number of parking places on either side of the campus, this problem would most likely be solved, but it is not.

And the final problem is the students themselves. Not all students are this way, but there are quite a few who are. You're waiting for a parking space with your blinker on, and while the parked car begins to leave, someone comes down the lot and pulls in before you do. What do they think your blinker's on for? Your health? These students need to be more considerate; do they want me to steal a spot from them? I cannot count on my hands the number of times this has happened to me. Is it just me?

If our students and our College can take responsibility for their problems, maybe parking would not be such a problem at Southern.

I just feel that we've already paid to park once; why should we have to pay again?

T. Rob Brown

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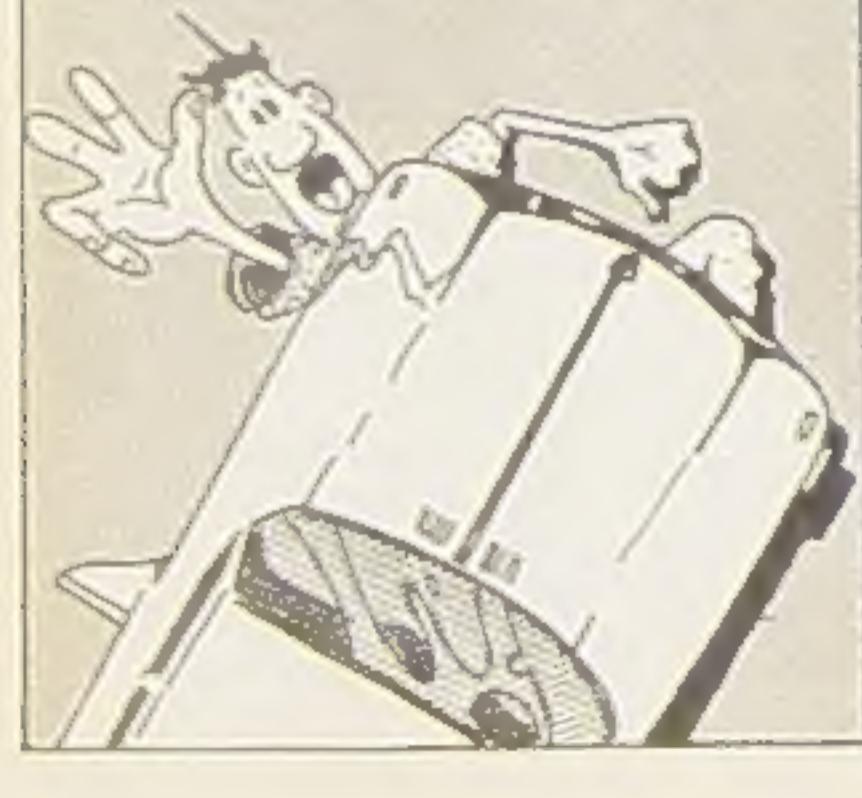
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CAMPUS CALENDAR

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19 TODAY

Photos for the *Crossroads* will be taken from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and tomorrow in Room 306 of the BSC.

The Ecumenical Campus Ministry will meet from noon to 1:15 p.m. in BSC Room 311.

Nancy Disharoon will conduct a career planning seminar, "Tools of the Job Search," from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 314 of the BSC.

The Modern Communications Club will discuss summer internships from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. in BSC Room 314.

Sgt. Carl Brown will receive an Army commendation medal at 2:50 p.m. in front of the Police Academy. Dean James Maupin will make the brief presentation.

The International Club will meet at 4 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

20 TOMORROW

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will gather from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. in Room 314 of the BSC.

There will be a CAB dance from 9 p.m. to midnight by the Biology Pond. In case of rain, the dance will be in the Lions' Den.

21 SATURDAY

The cross country Lions will host the Southern Stampede at 9 a.m. on the cross country course.

The Lady Lions' tennis team will play Drury College at 10:30 a.m. on Southern's courts.

The football Lions will play Central Missouri State University at 7 p.m. at Hughes Stadium.

The soccer Lions will play Avila College at 3:30 p.m. on Southern's soccer field.

22 SUNDAY

Kappa Alpha will meet from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Room 313 of the BSC.

23 MONDAY

Yearbook group photos will be taken from noon to 5 p.m. by Room 312 of the BSC.

The Social Science Club will hold a meeting at 2:30 p.m. in the House of Lords Room in the BSC.

The Biology Club will meet from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Biology Pond for a potluck snack.

24 TUESDAY

The Baptist Student Union will meet from 11 a.m. to noon in Room 311 of the BSC.

LDSSA will meet at noon in Room 310 of the BSC.

Nancy Disharoon will lead a career planning seminar, "Successful Interviewing," from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 314 of the BSC.

The Rodeo Club will meet from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

25 WEDNESDAY

Those participating in Homecoming parade units, cars, floats, and campus displays must be registered by 4:30 p.m. today in Room 102 of the BSC.

Yearbook group photos will be taken from noon to 5 p.m. by Room 312 of the BSC.

CAB will hold a meeting from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 310 of the BSC.

Culture is club's interest

By LYLA DOVER
STAFF WRITER

Long-time dreams will come true tonight for Dr. Vernon Peterson, associate professor of Spanish.

The Sociedad Hispano-Norteamericano Producacion will hold its first meeting at 7 p.m. today in Room 206 of Matthews Hall.

"This has been a dream of mine for over a decade—to provide a college community to bring together people with an interest in Spanish or Hispanic culture," Peterson said.

The organization is designed to help promote high values of the Hispanic culture. Peterson said he hopes it will serve several functions.

"I see this as a chance to expand community vision and awareness of the Spanish and North American cultures, values, language, and lifestyle," he said.

The club tentatively will meet the third Thursday of each month. A permanent meeting place has not yet been determined.

Meetings will begin with members breaking off in pairs or small groups. The groups will spend 20-30 minutes engaged in dialogue. The conversation sessions will be divided into English and Spanish exchanges.

Peterson said the dialogues will provide interested persons with one-on-one opportunities to practice another language.

The meetings also will include guests such as lecturers, musicians, teachers, government officials, and other key people to speak in Spanish on Hispanic concerns.

Other upcoming events include cross-cultural activities and conferences where both English and Spanish are spoken for the benefit of English as a Second Language (ESL) students.

The club will award an annual scholarship to promote interest in language, literature, and culture," Peterson said.

Monthly dues of \$1 will be collected at each meeting. These dues, along with money raised by club-sponsored activities and fund-raisers, will be placed into a scholarship fund. A scholarship will be awarded to a student majoring in Spanish.

The membership dues and fund-raisers will supplement the lack of Student Senate funds. Peterson will serve as faculty adviser, but the club's reliance on community participation makes it ineligible for College funding.

Judy Bastian, lecturer in Spanish, will serve as co-sponsor. She will manage the club's activity schedule and the scholarship account.

Peterson will be the keynote speaker at tonight's meeting. He will present colored slides of field work done in July by Southern students and faculty in Salamanca, Spain. The slides depict numerous historical sites, religious centers, and other aspects of the culture.

Interested persons may contact Peterson or Bastian at Ext. 649 or 667.

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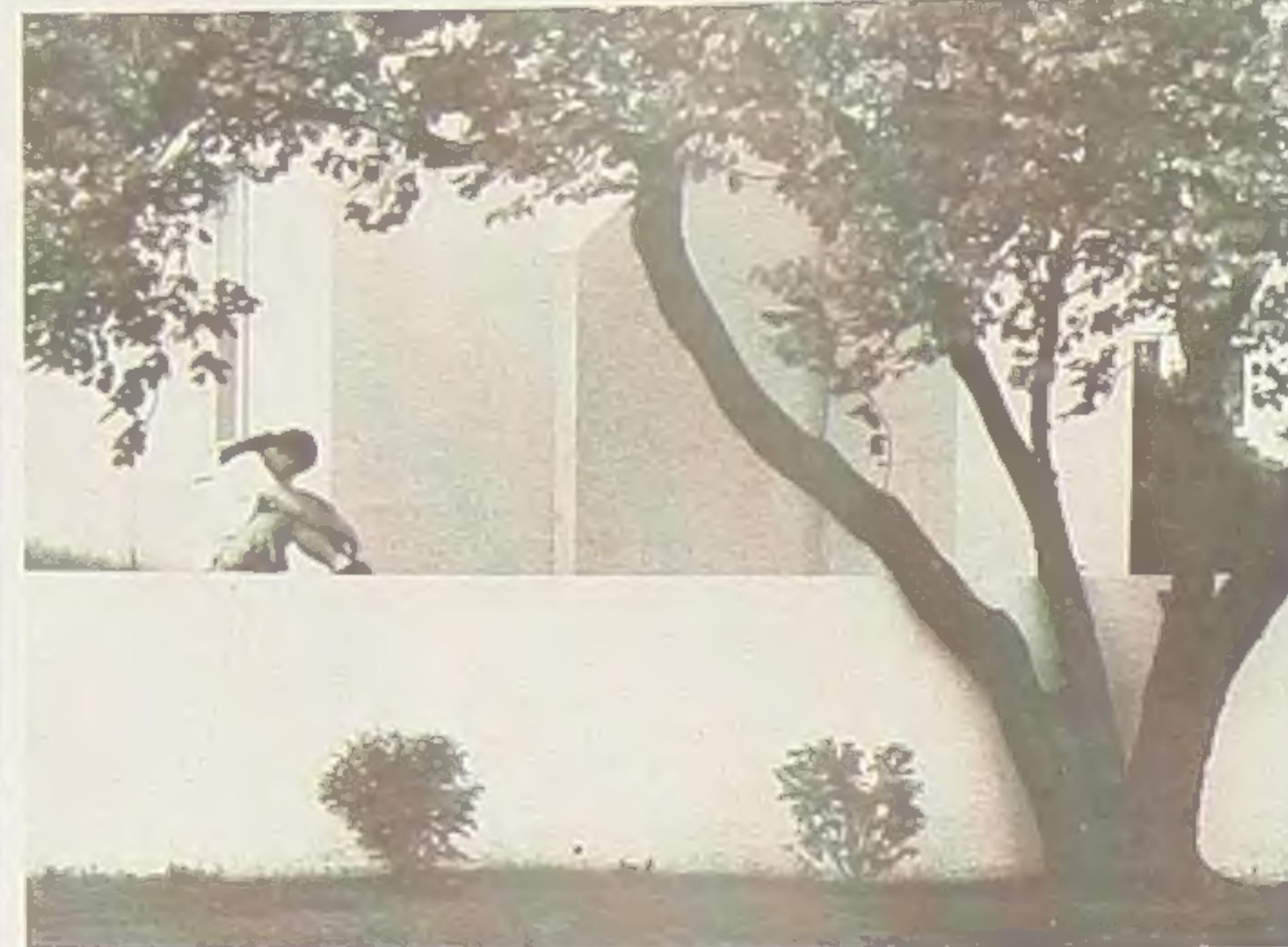
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A MOMENT'S PEACE



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Eric Sweet, junior political science major, takes a break from classes to catch up on reading for his Latin class. Sweet took advantage of a quiet area near the Guest House to enjoy the mild weather.

WISE gets ready for Sante Fe

Students use trips to compare culture

By SCOTT ROSS
STAFF WRITER

Students in WISE are eligible to go on the trip.

The two faculty advisers for WISE are Vicki Spencer, assistant professor of education, and Rosanne Joyner, associate professor of education.

WISE, established during the summer of 1990, involves studying culture at home and abroad.

In November, the group will travel to Sante Fe, N.M., to work with Mexican-American and Pueblo and Anasazi Indian students in public schools.

"The purpose of the trip is to give us a chance to compare cultures other than our own," Vicki Wade, WISE president, said. "We hope to extend the trip into learning about culture in Sante Fe."

Club members will be in Sante Fe for five days, including two in the schools. The remaining time will be spent seeing culture in the city such as adobe houses.

Only student teachers who are ac-

ting in WISE are eligible to go on the trip.

The reason the club started was because the (Joyner) and other faculty advisers felt that students needed to be able to experience more culture and be able to feel culture's effects on society," Spencer said.

The group also tries to experience local culture. Saturday, WISE took part in three different events. The club visited the Fort Scott National Historic Site to see a re-enactment of the Mexican War.

"We tour the fort every December," Wade said. "That's where we hold our Christmas party."

After Fort Scott, the group went to the Nelson-Atkins Art Museum and then to the Kansas City Art Institute's Renaissance Festival.

Persons interested in WISE may contact Spencer at 625-9622.

Club to be 'support group' for students

Gaining knowledge about foreign lands main goal of group

By BENJIE DENNIS
STAFF WRITER

Although the International Club is for students, many would be surprised to learn the ratio of students to faculty.

There are two students for every five faculty members.

The International Club does have a variety of student members, including those with visa-passports and green cards, those born overseas, those with one or more foreign parents, those who have lived overseas for more than one semester, foreign language majors, and those inter-

ested in the military or international relations.

Ann Allman, counselor, has served as faculty sponsor for two years. Her interest came from living in Afghanistan for three and a half years.

The club has done some hunting for members with the start of the new semester.

"We have tried to find those international students and explain what our club is about," Allman said.

Knowledge about foreign lands and cultures is a goal of the club.

"We try to be a supportive group," Allman said. "We are out to learn about each other and explore the different cultures."

The club has had bake sales in the past, but is not sure what kind of fund-raisers it will undertake this year.

"We always have fun no matter what we do," Allman said. "Last year, the faculty had better recipes than many of the students."

The club has plans for a spring fling. It goes out and tries to engage in a traditional American pastime.

"Sometimes we go bowling or play putt-putt golf," Allman said. "We just try to do something that the international students cannot do in their home country."

Even with the small group, everyone does something to benefit the International Club.

"Our club is usually a good, close one," Allman said. "We have a great team effort."

The International Club meets twice a month, on the first and third Thursdays, in Room 311 of the Billingsley Student Center.

Koinonia gains new member

By LESLIE KARR
STAFF WRITER

Koinonia, a Christian ministry, stresses more than just going to church on Sunday.

"It's a lot of fun, and the best part is in any Christian fellowship are Amy Stratton, Koinonia officer. The Bible says the one way to live a normal life is through Jesus. That's what Koinonia teaches."

The group meets at 7 p.m. every day at College Heights Christian Church. Those attending participate in Bible study, singing songs, discussing different topics.

"Being in Koinonia helps us to be more disciplined in everyday situations and have a more open mind because in studying the Bible, it stresses a lot of caring and it's important to be more like that to people," Stratton said.

Koinonia is designed to be a non-denominational group.

"We want to provide a Christian atmosphere on campus," said Weaver, campus minister, "so that any student who wants to come to Koinonia can do so. Some faculty and staff have come, but we are mostly students."

Koinonia plans several activities in addition to its Tuesday meetings. Sept. 27-30 a retreat will be held at Camp Maranatha in conjunction with Southwest Missouri State University and Pittsburg State University. The group will discuss the Sermon on the Mount, hear speakers, and participate in activities as a volleyball tournament.

"We are excited to have the retreat," Weaver said. "It's everyone together and let them know each other."

"It's designed to get the students fired up for the school year."

Other activities planned are a spring retreat in Denver and a trip to Florida over spring break. Koinonia also plans to go to Mexico.

"Last spring break I went on a service trip to Florida with Koinonia," Robin Willoughby, Koinonia officer, said. "We painted for a day, then went to St. Aug Beach, Daytona Beach, and Orlando. It was a time to grow personally, get to know the people there, better, and have a great time."

Another area of satisfaction for Koinonia members is membership. The roster stands at 140 and is expected to increase.

"Last year at this time the people we had at our meetings were 38," Stratton said. "This year our goal was to have 75 in attendance."

"Last week, that goal was met with 86."

"We attribute this attendance to the fact that we have been recruiting, but because God is working."

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR



MO. SOUTHERN

"The Shadow Box:" Presented by Southern theatre; Through Saturday; Taylor Auditorium

Smith Kramer Exhibition: Periods of art depicted in more than 60 small paintings encompass 1840-1960; Through Oct. 6; Spiva Art Center

"Rebecca:" An Alfred Hitchcock thriller; Presented by the Missouri Southern Film Society; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday; SC; Season tickets: \$7 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and students

Ariel: Russian pianist; Presented by CAB; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26; Tickets: \$2, free for students and staff

JOPLIN

Second Annual Country Music Extravaganza: With Robin Lee, Joe Diffie, Michael Johnson, and Diamond Rio; 7 p.m. Oct. 11; Memorial Hall

The 14th Annual Midwest Gathering of the Artists: The largest gathering of artists and art show in the Midwest; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow through Sunday; Carthage

SPRINGFIELD

"A Chorus Line:" Presented by the Springfield Little Theatre; Through Sunday; Sanders Theatre; 869-1334 or 59-3869

"The Dreamer:" Weekends, tomorrow through Oct. 28; stained Glass Theatre

"The Gold Medal Winner:" Saturday; Springfield Symphony

"The Ballad of the Bremen Land:" Presented by Springfield Regional Opera; Children's Opera; Today; Antidori Center; 869-1960

"Skyfest '91:" KXUS-FM, 95.9 brings this second annual hot air balloon festival to Springfield; Tomorrow through Sunday

TULSA

David Copperfield: 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. today; Brady Theatre; 918-582-7239

"Cats:" 8 p.m. today; Tulsa Performing Arts Center; 800-364-7111

KANSAS CITY

Michael Bolton: Time Lovin' and Tenderness Tour; 8 p.m. tomorrow; Sandstone; 8-931-3330

"Grand Hotel:" A musical; Tuesday through Sept. 29; Midland Theatre

David Copperfield: 6 and 9 p.m. Saturday; 2 and 6 p.m. Sunday; Midland Theatre

Kenny Rogers: 7 p.m. Oct. 5; Kemper Arena; 816-931-3330

"King Lear:" Through Sunday; Missouri Repertory Theatre; 235-2700

The Spinners: 8 p.m. Saturday; Folly Theatre; 8-931-3330

Kansas City Symphony: 7 p.m. Sept. 29; Embassy Suites, KCI Hotel; 471-1100

ST. LOUIS

San Francisco Ballet: 8 p.m. Sept. 27; 2 and 8 p.m. Sept. 28; Dance St. Louis

The St. Louis Symphony Orchestra: 8 p.m. today; Riverboat Amphitheatre; 4-968-1800

Peter, Paul & Mary: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday; Fox Theatre

Joe Walsh: 8 p.m. Oct. 2; American Theatre; Tickets: \$50; 291-7600

George Strait: Oct. 12; Fox Theatre; 314-535-2900

Marching band set for game

By LORI CLEVENGER
STAFF WRITER

After 10 years of directing band at Missouri Southern, Pete Havely says this year's group will be the best.

The Lion Pride Marching Band will perform through November, when concert band begins.

The band's debut is tomorrow night at El Dorado Springs High School's football game. Its second performance is Saturday night at Southern's home football game.

"We will be playing four tunes, with a trumpet solo from Jack Grant of Neosho," Havely said.

The band has 98 members this year. Not only does it have more members than in years past, but, according to Havely, more talent.

"The band is probably more talented than in the past with more musical skills," he said. "They also seem to be the most serious group we have had about what they are doing."

Robert Meeks, assistant band director, is pleased with the group as well.

"I can't think of one negative thing about the band this year," he said.

Meeks said the band has a completely different personality this year—"compatibility."

The color guard for the Lion Pride Marching Band is instructed by Heather Wallain, senior music major.

"She writes it all, she rehearses it all, she does it all, and she works many, many, many hours," Havely said.

Wallain thinks the color guard will be good, but there still is much work to be done.

"Most everyone is pretty excited. We are getting new uniforms, so that helps a little with enthusiasm," she said.

Havely said the band's organization is much improved this year.

"Things came together much faster this year than in the past; I mean days faster," he said.

According to Meeks, this has

LOUD AND CLEAR



Holly Lehar, senior music major, rehearses a trombone solo. The marching band debuts tomorrow at El Dorado Springs High School.

JOHN HACKER/The Chari

much to do with the hard work of Janice Meher, drum majorette.

"She holds the band together," Meeks said.

Meher said she is pleased with the overall sound of the band this year.

"The hardest part is during the game. I have to start songs off during timeouts, and I get really frustrated because I don't know much about football," Meher said.

Positive attitudes of band members have kept Meher encouraged, according to Havely.

"It gets pretty hot out there in the heat during practice, but there is not

much clowning around," he said.

Havely said the instrumentation is not hurting in any area and that the band is in good shape. Meeks suggested the need for a few more trombones.

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Blaze ravages battery plant

Damages high, casualties low

By JOHN HACKER

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Fire, early Monday morning, heavily damaged a building at the Eagle-Picher Industries complex at 1215 West G Street in Joplin.

Dollar estimates were unavailable yesterday, but according to Rex Erisman, vice president and general manager of the electronics division of Eagle-Picher, damage will run into the millions of dollars.

According to Steve Lea, district chief for the Joplin fire department, the fire started at approximately 12:30 a.m. Monday when an employee cleaned an area of the plant containing powdered lithium with an air-line.

"Lithium is volatile [when mixed] with water, and the air-line had condensation in it," Lea said. "When he sprayed the air on the lithium, the condensation activated it and it became violent [combustible]."

According to Erisman, approximately 10-20 people were in the building when the blaze began.

There were no injuries among Eagle-Picher employees, but two firemen sustained injuries.

"One man had a sprained knee, and another had a hyper-extended leg," Lea said.

According to Erisman, no hazardous chemicals were involved in the blaze.

"There were some chemicals used in day-to-day processing but nothing extremely hazardous," Erisman said.

Lea said it took four hours for firefighters to bring the blaze under control, and they spent all day Monday and Tuesday morning at the site watching for hot spots.

About 75 percent of the fire department's manpower was engaged

in dousing the blaze, according to Lea.

"We had 49 firemen, seven engine companies, two aerial apparatus, and one rescue truck on the scene," he said.

The fire department was able to limit the blaze to one building, but, according to Lea, damage to that building is severe.

There were other buildings attached to this one and buildings very close, but we managed to keep the flame-spread contained," Lea said.

Erisman said the plant produces special-purpose batteries for military and aerospace applications.

Effects of the fire on production are being felt throughout the facility, but recovery efforts are underway, according to Erisman.

"We were shut down one day on Tuesday, but we've already put some of the lines back in production as of Wednesday," he said.

Efforts are now being made to salvage usable equipment from the fire-ravaged structure, Erisman said.

"The main equipment in the building was large, automated presses," he said. "There were also large dryers on top of the building that were not completely lost."

Erisman said more than 250 employees were affected by the shutdown, but about 60 of them were called back yesterday.

"There will be a slowdown here for some time until we get all the equipment back together," Erisman said. "Hopefully we'll get back up to 100 percent production in a month or so."

Lea said there were numerous complications in dealing with the blaze.

"The fire was so involved by the time we got there, we started having roof collapse," he said. "Probably about half the roof collapsed during the period we were there."

Lea said this was one of the most serious fires in Joplin this year.

FIERY WAKE-UP CALL



CHRIS COOTIE/CHART

Firefighters battle a blaze at the Eagle-Picher plant early Monday morning. Two firefighters were slightly injured fighting the fire that shut down operations at the plant and put 250 people out of work for a day.

FLYING MUSEUM



The Fairfax Ghost—Spirit of Kansas City, a World War II era B-25 bomber, is currently calling Joplin Regional Airport home. The plane appears in air shows and displays. James Zerkel, one of the plane's pilots, says he considers it "a museum of the World War II Air Force."

Historic Mitchell flies out of Joplin

B-25 based at Joplin Regional Airport while repairs are made

By P.J. GRAHAM

CAMPUS EDITOR

Transportation is one thing, but flying a piece of history is quite another, according to B-25 pilot James Zerkel.

Zerkel, who flew a B-25 Mitchell training plane during his service in the United States Air Force during the 1950s, now owns a modern plane for transportation. But Zerkel also flies a B-25, currently located in Joplin, for fun.

"I like to fly most any airplane," he said. "I have a modern airplane—it depends on what I want to do."

"Parts are scarce," Zerkel said. "It (the B-25 in Joplin) has never been totally rebuilt, but it has been refurbished a time or two."

Zerkel said he has heard of World War II pilots referring to car problems related to the plane's noise volume, but he said most B-25s have been modified since 1945.

"They've corrected it from the original design to cut down noise,"

Zerkel said. "They've modified the exhaust."

Better headsets also help control noise volume for pilots. Another design change, not related to noise, is the carburetor. The reason for this change is because the old carburetors could not be found any more.

The B-25 Mitchell, used during World War II, had several different variations to accommodate the variety of tasks the airplane performed. Though the airplane was made famous at Doolittle's raid on Tokyo in 1942, Zerkel said the aircraft served well after the raid.

"It served the rest of the war and did an excellent job," he said. "It was used for bombing, ground support; that's why it has so many configurations."

The different models ranged from B-25 A to B-25 J. According to Zerkel, the purpose of a particular B-25 often can be found in its model.

The B-25 now at Joplin Regional

Airport is a B-25 J and would have been used for reconnaissance and photography purposes, but the plane never saw combat because it was completed only a few weeks before the war ended.

After the war, some of the B-25s were destroyed, but Zerkel said many of the planes were put in storage in Arizona. Later, some were sold to civilians.

Last year was the 50th anniversary of the B-25 bomber. There were 9,816 made, but Zerkel knows of only 31 B-25s still flying.

A local group, including Zerkel, is trying to buy the B-25 at the Joplin airport. The asking price is \$275,000. Despite this price, Zerkel believes flying the machine is like flying a piece of history.

"I have flown this same type of airplane for 40 years," he said. "I consider it a museum of the World War II Air Force."

"It's fun. Noisy and oily, but fun."

Gilpin leaves office

Convention bureau chief to assume GM position

By P.J. GRAHAM

CAMPUS EDITOR

Suzanne Gilpin's resignation from the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce may be harder for those left behind than for Gilpin.

"She is one who has constantly worked to improve her community," said Gary Tonjes, Chamber president. "Those are people who you never want to say goodbye to."

Gilpin, who has been Chamber general manager since December 1989, will work her last day in Joplin tomorrow. She has been responsible for managing Chamber employees, heading up Joplin's Fall Fiesta, and handling volunteers.

"I think one would be hard pressed to find an individual who was so conscientious and as much as a team player as Suzanne," Tonjes said. "She has done a fantastic job."

Though Tonjes regrets Gilpin's resignation, he said Tracey Osborne, Gilpin's replacement, should be able to fill her shoes.

"She (Osborne) has a chance before her to step in for Suzanne," Tonjes said. "But I'm very confident that Osborne has the same desire and enthusiasm to do what it takes."

Osborne, director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, has worked for more than two years at the Carthage Chamber of Commerce. She also worked in public relations at Valentine-Radford in Kansas City while in college.

Tonjes said the general manager position requires dedication.

"The job really demands someone invest all of their time and talents in the job," he said. "You will never be a 9 to 5 job."

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car is to lock them up, preferably in the trunk," he said. "At least put them out of sight, and always lock your car."

The residence halls are another trouble spot for Southern security, Boyer said.

Another Sept. 9 report said a custodian saw a white male possibly breaking into Apt. C-6. A security officer found an outside window and screen broken, but the suspect left before he arrived.

Boyer said a number of factors make protecting the residence halls difficult.

"They are harder to protect because we only have one person on evenings and one person on mid-

10K walk to benefit hospital

By BRYAN MEARES

STAFF WRITER

The hospice center of St. John's Regional Medical Center will host the ninth annual "Walk for Hospice" next week.

The 10-kilometer walk will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28. The walk will end at 9 a.m.

Walkers are taking donations to raise money for the terminally ill. According to Jim Miller, hospice chaplain, proceeds will be divided among the hospice center.

"Every cent that we raise goes to patient care," Miller said.

St. John's hospice center is staffed by approximately 70 medical personnel and volunteers. It offers financial and spiritual assistance to terminally ill patients and families.

"We care for the terminally ill, provide them with pain control, nursing and transportation," said Miller.

The center serves approximately 60 patients in a nine-county area covering Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas.

Prizes will be awarded to individuals raising the most money. Prizes include a 26-inch color reclining chair, a barbecue grill and a Nintendo Game Boy.

Door prizes and team prizes will be awarded. Teams must consist of three or more people.

Several Missouri Southern organizations are planning to participate. Chris Campbell, senior pre-medicine major and community chairman for Kappa Alpha, several members of his fraternity plan to contribute.

"It's a good cause that needs our support. We're hoping for a good turnout," said Miller.

Volleyball team shares title

Lady Lions, 3-1, travel to CMSU for round-robin

By STACY CAMPBELL

STAFF WRITER

After a successful opening to the new season, the Lady Lions volleyball team travels to Central Missouri State University for an MIAA round-robin tournament this weekend.

Debbie Traywick, Southern coach, says this tournament is important to the team.

"This is a pivotal weekend for us because we don't have to play the CMSUs or UMSLs this weekend," she said. "This will give us more experience before we have to face the top teams."

Traywick does not think the competition will be easy, though.

"All five matches we must play our best to win," she said. "If we could go one game over .500 it would be good for us."

This tournament and the second MIAA round-robin Oct. 18-19 will determine seedings for the conference.

Championships to be held at Southern Nov. 15-16.

Southern, 3-1, opens play at 1 p.m. tomorrow against Pittsburg State, then meets Washburn at 3 p.m., and Emporia State at 7 p.m. Saturday, the Lady Lions face Northwest Missouri State at noon and Northeast Missouri State at 4 p.m.

Traywick said she does not know much about the teams other than their performances against common opponents.

"Northwest is winless to this point, but Northeast was picked to finish third in the conference," she said.

The Lady Lions opened the season last weekend by sharing the championship of their own Pro-Am Athletics Invitational with Texas Woman's University and Central Oklahoma.

Southern opened the tournament Friday by defeating PSU 11-15, 15-2, 15-2, and 15-8. Texas Woman's then fell to the Lady Lions 15-9, 11-15, 15-11, 8-15, and 10-14.

Traywick said the Texas victory was a big one for Southern.

"We beat the best team in the tournament in Texas Woman's," she said. "It was a big lift for us."

Saturday, Southern continued its success by defeating Southwest Bap-

list 13-15, 15-11, 15-10, and 15-7. The team's only defeat came at the hands of Central Oklahoma 9-15, 15-10, 10-15, and 12-15.

Traywick said that match could have been won.

"We would have liked to have beat UCO, but we let them get too far ahead and didn't get back in the game soon enough."

"We didn't make our adjustments soon enough," she said. "I think if we would have won the fourth game we could have won the match."

Traywick said the tournament was an overall success.

"A lot of good volleyball was played by all the teams," she said. "We played well on Friday, but not quite as well on Saturday and were still successful, which is good to see."

Traywick saw both good aspects of the team's performance, but noted one that needs improvement.

Our kill percentage was better than last year, but we needed to block better. For as good a blocking team as we are, we did not block enough balls," she said.

Nicole Cockrell stood out, according to Traywick, for her play.

"She played like a senior should play," she said. "But it was a total team effort. Everyone played well."

DIGGING IT OUT



Stacy Harter, junior, fights to keep the ball alive, assisting her team to a first-place tie in the Lady Lion/Pro-Am Athletics Invitational.

CHRIS COOK/The Chart

FIGHTING FOR CONTROL



Ray Sippel, sophomore, battles for the ball with a Columbia College player in Sunday's match-up.

Hungry' Mules to test Southern

By RON FAUSS

STAFF WRITER

Central Missouri State will visit Hughes Stadium Saturday night to give the football team what Jon Lantz calls "our most important game in three years."

The contest will be the MIAA game for both teams. The Lions, 1-1, were picked to finish fourth in the pre-season MIAA poll, while the Mules were ranked second.

Southern's head coach said the Mules, 0-2, will be hungry for their first victory after suffering a 35-6 setback last week at the hands of CAA Division I-AA Indiana State.

"This is their first legitimate opportunity to win this season," Lantz said. "CMSU will really challenge us physically, and they will come out and try to take it right at us."

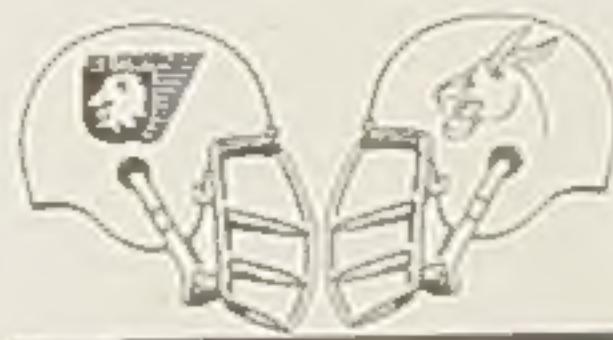
The Lions appear confident going into the early season conference test against the Mules.

They beat us on our own turf last year (20-19), but no one beats us twice on our own turf," said senior linebacker Cleon Burrell.

Burrell may play a key role in Southern's game plan, as Lantz said the Lions must establish a solid ground attack.

"How well we run the football is going to be the key," he said. "When we establish the run, we are able to move the football well, and that sets up the offense a great deal."

Members of the Lions' defensive



Lions vs. Central Mo.

7 p.m. Saturday

Hughes Stadium

unit say they are ready for the CMSU challenge.

"They may be hungry, but we are starving," James Holdman, senior cornerback, said.

The Mules kept the ball on the ground 75 percent of the time last season, and they may run the ball even more this season, according to Terry Noland, their head coach.

The CMSU offense is led by quarterback Marcus Frazier, a junior college transfer who ran an option attack at Taft (Cal.) Junior College last season.

"We are worried about the athletic ability of Marcus Frazier," said Lantz.

The Lions will try to rebound from a 56-38 road loss of Portland State University Saturday. Southern held a 35-20 lead early in the second half before the Vikings roared back.

Southern amassed 557 yards of total offense and collected 22 first downs. Senior wide receiver Heath Helsel became the Lions' all-time leader in receiving yards during the

game. Helsel's 1,705 career yards eclipses the old mark of 1,670 yards held by Kerry Anders.

The big offensive hero, however, was junior wide receiver Rod Smith.

Smith caught eight passes for 174 yards and a touchdown, completed three passes to Helsel for 103 yards, and returned two punts for 11 yards. A 65-yard touchdown return was called back on a clipping penalty.

Smith became the second Southern player this season to win an MIAA award, as he was named offensive player of the week. Junior cornerback John Buchanan was the MIAA defensive player of the week last week.

"Rod is just now coming into his own," said Lantz. "Everyone talks about [Pittsburg State wide receiver] Ronnie West, and he is a great player in his own right, but I wouldn't trade him for Rod Smith because of all the things Rod can do for you."

Lantz is not the only one singing the praises of Smith.

"He's incredible," said Al Borges, offensive coordinator for Portland State. "He can run, jump, pass, return kicks; he can do it all. We knew he was great and that we had to stop him, and he still killed us."

Borges said the Portland State coaches were impressed by the Lions.

Coach Lantz said they (the Lions) were a year away, he said. "I said, 'You're already there.'

"Southern is definitely a playoff contender with few breaks."

"This was the toughest course

they have probably ever run in the country," he said. "We have more than 20 colleges coming in and 11 high schools, both men and women."

Six NCAA Division I schools are expected to participate.

"What's unique about this is that

Division I schools come here to compete," Lantz said. "That shows that we're becoming a team people to compete against because we give them good competition."

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CHAD HAYWORTH

Teams pull their share of weight

Too often, collegiate athletic departments are not held accountable for their actions or their spending.

However, at Missouri Southern I do not believe this to be true.

Because of the additional 3 percent cut in the College's budget, nearly every department is facing a loss in funding. My question is, what, if at all, would the athletic department be forced to cut, and where would the cuts come from?

I set up an interview with Jim Frazier, men's athletic director, but I fully expected him to clam up when I nosed into his budget.

Not that Frazier personally has anything to hide, but it had been my experience that most ADs are very tight-lipped when their budgets are the conversation topic.

I was wrong.

Frazier spoke with me at great length about where the reductions would come, if they became necessary. He told me all 11 sports would continue at the College despite the loss of money.

He told me a good proportion of his budget was for coaches' salaries, not something easily cut in the middle of the year.

I can see it now: "Coach Lantz, we just can't afford you or your staff any more, so the football team will just have to run itself from here on in."

Right.

Lantz's football team, or any other athletic team, could no more run itself than could a quantum mechanics class teach itself whatever the heck a quantum mechanics course is supposed to cover.

I am now convinced Frazier is a shrewd negotiator.

Just look at the football team's jaunt to Oregon last week to face the Portland State Vikings.

Due to what I think are some pretty good negotiations, the Lions got the opportunity to blow a 15-point second-half lead and lose—at virtually no cost to Southern.

What a deal.

In fact, some road trips can even prove to be profitable.

Apparently, there are teams so hard up for schools crazy enough or desperate enough to play them that they actually pay teams to come and play.

Frazier told me a 1983 trip to Wichita State University netted the Lions a 29-21 victory over the Shockers, and enough money to buy the team new helmets.

He also took the team to Wichita State in 1981 for a \$15,000 guarantee, but that time the Lions were thrashed 38-6. Still, you can't fault Southern for seizing the opportunity to play an NCAA Division I opponent and get paid for it.

A similar trip to Southwest Missouri State University in 1988 resulted in a 58-12 loss, but allowed the football Lions to purchase new jerseys with the \$10,000 SMSU provided.

At least in those three instances, Southern came out with 1-2 record and a plethora of new equipment.

What a bargain.

Frazier told me because of the anticipated budget cuts, there would be no major equipment purchases this year.

If additional monies must be cut, he said, it would most likely come out of the travel budget.

Frazier did not expect to have to cancel road trips for any of Southern's teams, but some motel stays might have to be cut short.

This will be inconvenient for our teams, but riding home immediately after a game is better than not getting to play at all.

As a reporter, this was the first time I had ever been so well treated by an AD. Frazier took his time, and I believe answered my questions to the best of his knowledge.

It's about time.

Runners get hardware Riddle finishes first in 8-kilometer

By JOHN HACKER

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

For the first time in Missouri Southern history, the cross country teams came home with trophies in both the men's and women's divisions.

According to Tom Rutledge, cross country coach, the men's team was second and the women's team third at Saturday's meet at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville.

The men finished behind a strong Southern Indiana team, Rutledge said. Twelve full teams made up the division.

"Oral Roberts is a lot better team than they have been in the past," he said. "I think they are finally getting some financial support for their program."

The Lions squeezed by perennial

anybody could have run this past weekend," Rutledge said. "Jason ran against some of the best people in the United States."

Senior Brenda Booth had the best time for the women, finishing eighth with a 20:42 in the five-kilometer race.

"Brenda was one of our top runners, and she ran a very consistent and hard race," Rutledge said. "She's one of our captains, and she showed great leadership and determination."

Southern's Joe Wood, a junior, was 10th with a time of 28:21. Kern Sorrell, a junior, was 16th at 28:57; Jamie Nolting, a sophomore, was 25th at 29:31. Stacy Campbell, a freshman, was 29th at 29:41; and Allen Moss, a junior, was 46th at 30:42.

On the women's side, Renee Artheron, a freshman, finished 15th at 21:25. Stephanie Wigger, a freshman, was 23rd at 21:52. Cooper was 25th at 21:56; Brown was 35th at 23:00; and Emily Blackwell, a freshman, was 36th at 23:15.

Rutledge said the teams are looking forward to Saturday's Southern Stampede.

"This week we have probably one of the largest meets in the country," he said. "We have more than 20 colleges coming in and 11 high schools, both men and women."

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